

## TWO NOTABLE GATHERINGS

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union. Webster said that with it was identified the cause of civilization on this continent. He felt that to break it up would be the signal for anarchy, probably for civil war and a social wreck. "Liberty and Union, one and inseparable," were words that embodied his deepest conviction. Hence he dealt with the slavery question in a spirit different from that of one who understood the value of the Union, and in his forecast of the future caught no glimpse of civil war with its attendant horrors and possible ruin. Posterity will not doubt that the defender of the constitution and the Union, whatever his faults may have been, deserves the statue placed in his honor in front of the State-house in Boston. History will adjudge him to have been an honest patriot, as well as a far-seeing statesman.

Bear with me while I briefly revert to our New England history. The character of the Puritan founders of New England is a question warmly contested. Dr. Palfrey, a man of great liberality, without sympathy with Puritan theology, who gave practical proof of his love of freedom, is considered by many to have written in a too apologetic vein. Certainly it is the fashion now to steer clear of any such imputation. This may be, but no man is in a state of mind to judge fairly the Puritan founders of Massachusetts and Connecticut, unless, in the first place, he recognizes the distinction between a settler or colony in its infancy, and a full-fledged commonwealth. A colony stands midway between the family and the State. Nor is he then competent to judge unless he bears in mind that uniformity in religious practices and practices in a political community had been one of the ruling ideas of men from the first Christianizing of the Teutonic tribes and nations, to say nothing of the feelings and precedents deeply rooted in a remoter past. Besides the inherited theory as to the function of the State, the record of religious factions begotten of the Reformation, or occasioned by it, intensified in the fathers of New England the desire for uniformity and social organization. Roger Williams was one of the few who, along with many erratic notions, caught sight of the modern idea of the State as limited in its functions, and of the civil authority as holding no divine commission to repress religious error. Give him whatever credit is due to him for taking a step in advance of almost all his contemporaries.

But surely John Winthrop was as good a man as Roger Williams. Certainly for no man did Williams cherish a deeper reverence and esteem. And, as the founder of a state, when all things are considered, Winthrop does not stand upon a lower level than Williams. In such an office there is required a combination of qualities. Jefferson somewhere compares the character of the New Englanders to that of the Jews. Whatever grains of truth there are in this comparison, it is not altogether a reproach. Even Jacob, in the spirit of his dealings with Esau, may not be attractive; yet it has been truly said of Jacob that he was a better man to found a commonwealth than Esau. There have been many fanatics unlike Jacob, in being so much galled by a single reflection, shall bring these remarks to a close. I want to say that I have been impressed anew with the dignity of the vocation of the historian and the historical teacher, as connected with the particular function to which we have attended. Surely it is a high office to fulfill—that of rescuing from unmerited reproach the men of the past, whose names are clouded by the defilement of the ages, and who can utter no word in their own defense. It is a high office, not less, to strip from the unworthy the laurels which they have no right to wear. I had just written these sentences when there fell under my eye equivalent words from the pen of Tacitus. In the midst of his account of the crimes of Tiberius he says: "I hold it to be the chief function of history not to leave virtuous deeds unrecorded, and to make the reprobation of posterity a terror to evil words and acts." The recollection of this great writer, of his dignity and power, is a warrant for saying that to historical scholars the world must look for the awards of a righteous judgment. The nearer they come to realizing the idea of their calling, the more will they stand as the highest court of appeals that the limitations of our human life render possible.

## CURIOUS POISONING CASE.

Wealthy New York Woman Takes Cyanide of Potassium for Bromo Seltzer. New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Kate Adams, a well-to-do woman, was fatally poisoned to-day in her handsomely furnished apartment on Eighty-sixth street. Her death is connected with a curious chain of events. Mrs. Adams was a widow, fifty years old. She lived with her son-in-law, Edward Rogers, general agent in this city of the Hartford, Conn., Insurance company. Harry Cornish, a well known athlete and physical director of the Knickerbocker Athletic club, boards with the Rogers family. Mrs. Adams awoke this morning with a headache. Her daughter, Mrs. Rogers, advised her to take some bromo seltzer. Mrs. Rogers hunted around, but found none of the required medicine. Finally she remembered that there was some bromo seltzer in Mr. Cornish's room. This she got and gave to her mother, who took a fair sized dose. In a few seconds Mrs. Adams was in great pain and evidently suffering from the effects of a strong poison. Dr. Hitchcock was called in by Mr. Cornish. He tried to counteract the effects of the poison, after tasting the alleged bromo seltzer, and declaring it to be cyanide of potassium. Mr. Cornish also tasted the poisonous stuff. In a few minutes both Mr. Cornish and Dr. Hitchcock were prostrated by the effects of the slight quantity of poison they had taken. Dr. Potter was called in. He revived the two men, but Mrs. Adams died.

Mr. Cornish states that on Christmas day he received a neat package addressed to himself containing a sterling silver medicine bottle holder in a Tiffany box and in the holder was a bottle marked "Bromo Seltzer." The package was anonymously sent, but Cornish says he thought nothing of this, as he frequently gets presents in this way. It was this bottle that Mrs. Rogers got for her mother, and out of which Mrs. Adams drank with fatal effect. Mr. Cornish says he cannot think who could have had any designs on his life.

## CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

Stamps Required Under the Internal Revenue Tax Law.

Commissioner Scott of the internal revenue department has made the following decision regarding stamps required on certificates of deposit:

Demand certificates of deposit not drawing interest require only a 2-cent stamp regardless of the amount.

Certificates of deposit payable on demand, but drawing interest, if money is left on deposit for a specified time, require a 2-cent stamp when issued, but if paid subsequent to the time interest accrues, additional stamps at the rate of 2 cents per \$100 or fraction thereof, must be affixed.

Certificates of deposit payable otherwise than on demand, must be stamped at the rate of 2 cents per \$100 or fraction thereof, whether they draw interest or not. A previous decision regarding stamping of certificates of deposit as described above is revoked.

## CHESHIRE.

Dec. 28.—The Christmas services Sunday in the Congregational and Episcopal churches in the morning were very interesting. A special programme of music was very fine by the choir. In the evening the exercises were for the Sunday school children, consisting of some recitations by the children of the school and a short address by the pastors. On Monday evening the Methodist Sunday school held its Christmas exercises in the church, which were largely attended and the children were made happy by many gifts.

The three doctors in town just now have about all they can well attend to, as there are an unusual number of persons sick with grip and other complaints. Mrs. D. Stibbins has been critically ill for some days. Mrs. William Kelley went to New Haven for a short visit a few days since and was taken ill, so that she is not able to return.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Israel A. Kelsey, S. Harrison Wagner, George F. Mathewson, Lyman Alpress and C. H. Briscoe, will apply for a charter for a street railroad in East Windsor.

James Carr, the well known politician of the Second ward, is seriously ill at his home, 25 Winthrop avenue, from pneumonia. He first had the grip, which developed pneumonia.

Robert B. Mercer of 380 George street, one of N. A. Fullerton's able assistants at the Boston grocery, is the happy father of a new born baby girl.

Ernest Noons of Lincoln, Neb., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Richard H. Tyler on Livingston street. Mr. Noons expects to spend several days in New Haven, and will then go to Massachusetts where he will visit relatives and friends.

The engagement is announced of Miss Olga Smith to H. J. Beckman of this city.

Burgess Rushnell and Druggist Simpson of Southington are laid up with an attack of the grip.

Mrs. O. W. King of Southampton, L. I., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Field of Lynwood street.

At the Baptist church Christmas tree festival in Branford the retiring superintendent, E. C. Johnson, was presented with a silk umbrella by the school. Rev. Mr. McKean was the recipient of a handsome etching framed in gilt from his class of young ladies, and Miss Elizabeth Johnson was presented with a lemonade set from the Y. P. S. C. E.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dyre Davis of Eld street have as their holiday guest the mother of Mr. Davis.

Mrs. L. Parkerton of Guilford was the guest of the Misses Merriam of Rogers street, Branford, over Christmas.

Miss Harriet Wood of New York is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fenton, at 206 Crown street.

Mrs. Sylvester Smith of College street is convalescing from a severe attack of the grip.

Charles T. Thompson of Southington has purchased the business of the Bantam Lake house at Bantam Lake, Litchfield. Mr. Thompson will not take possession of the property till spring.

Mrs. N. D. Sperry, Mrs. Frothingham and Master Newton Frothingham will go to Washington next week with Congressman Sperry. They will stop at the Hotel Buckingham as usual.

Miss Josephine McKean of Branford left on Tuesday to visit friends in New London.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Brook of 314 Crown street have gone to Boston to visit Mrs. Brook's mother and sister.

H. Wales Lines of Meriden was in Branford Tuesday looking over the situation at the Malleable Iron Fittings company's works, where an extensive addition is in course of erection.

Mrs. Simon Shoninger of Orange street spent Christmas with her brother, Harry Shoninger, at his home on Bay Street, Boston.

Delos J. Bristol is very ill at his home, 619 George street.

Miss Isabelle Cromwell, who went to Old Point Comfort with Prof. Richards and family, has had a slight attack of the grip upon reaching Old Point.

Harry Lacey, the actor, who made such an emphatic hit in vaudeville in "Rob Rackett's Pajamas," written in collaboration with Jane Marlin, is spending the holiday season with his wife at their Chapel street home. Mr. Lacey is just back from a successful trip to California.

The many friends of Miss Hetty Sonnenberg will be pleased to hear that she is improving slowly and that her physicians hope for her ultimate recovery. Miss Sonnenberg was on the eve of leaving for Chicago for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Charles Rothschild, when stricken with appendicitis.

Mrs. Benedict, a recent graduate of the New Haven hospital training school for nurses, is in Sherman, Conn., taking care of Hon. J. M. Pickett, who is seriously ill with a complication of ailments, a severe attack of the grip beginning his sickness.

**Never Worry.**—Take them and go about your business; they do their work while you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated. 10 cents. Sold by E. A. Gessner, E. Hewitt & Co.—

## BOOTH AUCTION CO.

The Booth Auction and Commission company has opened an auction and commission house at 75 Orange street. Frank I. Booth is the auctioneer and manager, and has had a long experience in this business, having been for many years associated with his father, B. Booth, the leading auctioneer of the city. The rooms occupied by the company are large and well adapted for the business. The place was formerly occupied by Wooster A. Ensign & Son. Since 1895 Frank I. Booth has been connected with the Home Furnishing company and the Bowditch Furniture company, and at the time of the latter company's fire rendered them valuable service in the handling and selling of their damaged stock. Since the fire Mr. Booth has acted as advertising manager for the Bowditch company. Mr. Booth proposes to give the city a first class place where goods can be bought and sold.

## THEIR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Field of Lynwood street celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage last evening by receiving their friends from 7 until 10 o'clock. The host and hostess were assisted in receiving and entertaining their callers by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Field of Brooklyn, Mrs. C. W. King of Southington, Mr. J. B. Foster of New Haven, Mrs. Juliet Field and George C. Field of Madison, mother and brother of the host.

The decorations were of palms, smilax and pink and white carnations. Mrs. Field wore a costume of lavender and white, the bodice a tasteful combination of silk, velvet and narrow shirred ribbon.

Guitar and mandolin players furnished delightful music for the reception. Several handsome and costly presents were received. There were many invited guests present.

## DESERTER FROM U. S. A.

John Brown Arrested Last Evening by Patrolman Horan.

Patrolman Horan last evening arrested John D. Brown as he was attempting to dispose of a watch, sick pin and handkerchief to a dealer for a dollar. Brown is a deserter from the United States army, and that is the charge on which he will be tried this morning. He formerly resided at 170 East street, this city.

The watch had the name of Lydia O'Rourke of Naugatuck engraved upon it, and an effort will be made to find out the owner.

## A CARD OF THANKS.

The management of Day nursery work take pleasure in publicly acknowledging their indebtedness to the Edward Malley company for their very acceptable gift to the work—a check for \$100. This sum represents the receipts of the opening days of their happy idea of a tea room for the convenience of their patrons.

## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Parmelee of Quinnipiac avenue was the scene of a happy Christmas party. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parmelee of Providence and Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Wilbur of Boston.

F. W. Lloyd, advance agent for "The Stowaways," which comes to the Grand opera house for the first three days of next week, was in town last evening.

## City Advertisements.

**HOWARD AVENUE BUILDING LINES.** To the Honorable Court of Common Council of the City of New Haven:

The Director of Public Works respectfully reports that, as ordered by the Court of Common Council, he has caused a survey and assessment of damages and benefits to be made for the establishment of building lines on Howard avenue, between bridge over Derby railroad and bridge over Hartford railroad, building lines on Howard avenue, both sides, to be 15 feet back and parallel with street lines, with no exception for corners.

The lines of the above described layout of building lines are fully shown on the file in the office of the City Engineer, which map is made a part of this report.

All parties affected by the said layout of building lines were duly notified and given full opportunity for a hearing in the case.

The report of the Bureau of Compensation upon said layout is herewith transmitted, and, after careful consideration, the Director respectfully recommends the adoption of this layout and the assessment of damages and benefits recommended in the accompanying report of the Bureau of Compensation.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. S. BEECHER,  
Director of Public Works.

City of New Haven, Nov. 7, A. D. 1893.

In Court of Common Council—Read, accepted, building line established, and assessments laid as reported.

Approved December 19, 1893.

Payable January 4, 1894.

A true copy of record.

Attest: RICHARD F. LYON,  
City Clerk.

**TOWNSEND STREET BUILDING LINES.** To the Honorable Court of Common Council of the City of New Haven:

The Director of Public Works respectfully reports that, as ordered by the Court of Common Council, he has caused a survey and assessment of damages and benefits to be made for the establishment of building lines on Townsend street, the line of which, as surveyed and laid out by him, is described as follows, viz:

Between Charles and Henry streets, building line on Townsend street, west side, to be 10 feet back and parallel with street line, with the exception of corner lots for distance of 100 feet.

The line of the above described layout of building lines is fully shown on the file in the office of the City Engineer, which map is made a part of this report.

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To the Director of Public Works of the City of New Haven:

The Bureau of Compensation, to whom was referred the order of said Director bearing date the 18th day of October, A. D. 1893, directing the assessment and determination by this Bureau of all damages and benefits to accrue to all parties interested by the establishment of building lines on Townsend street, west side, between Charles and Henry streets, hereby respectfully report that we have attended to the duty assigned us.

That we caused reasonable notice to be given to all persons interested in the said public improvement, in all respects pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of said City, to appear before us and be heard in reference thereto; and we fully heard at the time and place specified in said notice, all persons who appeared before us.

And we do assess and determine the damages and benefits equal to all persons or parties interested in the foregoing proposed public improvement.

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**WILLOW STREET BRIDGE, LAYOUT AND ASSESSMENT.** To the Honorable Court of Common Council of the City of New Haven:

The Director of Public Works respectfully reports that, as ordered by the Court of Common Council, he has caused a survey and assessment of damages and benefits to be made for the construction of a bridge on Willow Street, across Mill River, on the line of the old bridge, between bridge over Derby railroad and bridge over Hartford railroad, building lines on Willow Street, both sides, to be 12 feet back and parallel with street line, and 6 feet on corner lots back and parallel with street line.

The line of the above described layout of building lines is fully shown on the file in the office of the City Engineer, which map is made a part of this report.

All parties affected by the said improvement were duly notified and given full opportunity for a hearing in the case.

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**HENRY STREET BUILDING LINES.** To the Honorable Court of Common Council of the City of New Haven:

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Between Ashland street and Maxwell street, building line on Henry street, south side, to be 12 feet back and parallel with street line, and 6 feet on corner lots back and parallel with street line.

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The report of the Bureau of Compensation upon said layout and the establishment of a grade and building lines thereon is herewith transmitted, and, after careful consideration, the Director respectfully recommends the adoption of this layout and the assessment of damages and benefits recommended in the accompanying report of the Bureau of Compensation.

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## Financial.

**The Stock Market.**  
New York, Dec. 28.—Contrary to the course of the market for some weeks, prices showed a pronounced decline on the day's trading and this was contrary to the tendency abroad, London having bought some 25,000 shares on balance. The volume of business was large, although not up to yesterday's record-breaking figures.

Some of the business to-day was during the morning rally, while the afternoon decline was also accompanied by a burst of animation. There was no change in the favorable tenor of the news except that the Vanderbilt reports were not considered up to bullish expectation. Regular dividends were declared in Vanderbilt stocks and American Bacco.

Traffic reports were generally gratifying. Burlington's surplus for November increased nearly \$23,000; New Jersey Central for November increased over \$81,000, while the net increase of Northern Pacific for five months was over \$33,000. While stocks were strong at the opening, New York prices were not up to those of London.

Where Americans were buoyant, International Paper, General Electric and some other industrials made new high records. The grangers and coalers were strong. The advance in the latter stocks, a great part of which was retained throughout, was perhaps explained by a subsequent announcement that anthracite prices had been ordered advanced at Buffalo and Chicago. It became evident that there had been large realizing sales on yesterday's and today's bulges in grangers and traders attacked the general list with considerable success. Prices rallied somewhat from the lowest, but a sharp flurry in call money, which for a time advanced to 6 per cent, although subsequently it eased off to about yesterday's quotations, gave the bears an opportunity to effect marked declines in prices, but the securities sold were readily absorbed.

Surge was weak owing to the trade situation in the early dealings when the rest of the list was strong and at the close was an exception to the general weakness. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis was strong on the idea that the Pennsylvania system was to be unified in a similar manner to that in progress in the Vanderbils.

An incident of the speculation at the outset was the apparent subsidence of interest in Federal Steel. Transactions were in small amounts and in marked contrast to yesterday's enormous dealings at the opening. The stock soon manifested weakness and late in the day assumed prominence in the reaction, offerings being on a large scale.

The bond market was irregular in action, but active issues suffered somewhat in the late transactions. Total sales, \$5,400,000.

United States old four coupon advanced 1-4 in the bid price.

**NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.**  
Opening, Highest, Lowest Quotations On the New York Stock Exchange, reported by Prince & Whitley, Brokers, 15 Center street, New Haven.

Open. High. Low. Last.